

END Illegal Wildlife Trafficking in Malaysia



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Project Summary	Collect, analyze and summarize open source data on illegal wildlife trafficking trends in Malaysia. Assess the threat to Malaysia's wildlife and its actions to combat illegal wildlife trafficking. Categorize cases by priority species such as tigers, rhinos, elephants, sun bears and pangolins.
Country	Malaysia
Agency	Department of State
DoS Office	N/A
Post	KUALA LUMPUR
Section	ESTH
Number of Interns	1

Project Description

The Eliminate, Neutralize, and Disrupt (END) Wildlife Trafficking Act states that it is the policy of the U.S. to take actions to stop the illegal global trade in wildlife. To do this, Mission needs to monitor and assess threats to Malaysia's wildlife and the actions taken to combat illegal wildlife trafficking. The project will collect open source data on wildlife trafficking trends, assess the threat to Malaysia's wildlife, and summarize government actions to discourage and prevent it. Project will examine factors such as wildlife trafficking laws and regulations, enforcement actions, cases, and priority species. The project will produce a monthly report summarizing significant wildlife trafficking news found in open sources and public databases. Project will develop a tracker containing public data such as running tallies on the number of seizures, estimated dollar value of seized items, and breakdowns by priority species.

Desired Skills Interests

Additional Information

Malaysia is one of the most biological diverse countries in the world with iconic endemic wildlife such as proboscis monkeys, orang utans, elephants and tigers. Unfortunately a high number of endangered species are also threatened by the illegal wildlife trade. Due to its strategic location and good ports and airports, it is also an illegal wildlife smuggling hub for transporting ivory, rhino horns, pangolins, birds, reptiles and others. The demand for endangered Malaysian wildlife from abroad is high, due to its high commercial value. Animals are aggressively hunted for decorative purposes or for their alleged medicinal properties. Often, animals are poached from protected areas and forest reserves. Species at risk include Sun Bears, Pangolins, Malayan Tigers, Elephants, Sambar Deer, Otters, Python, Tortoises and many others.

Language Requirements

None